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Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-14, 29-34, and 40-43 without prejudice. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Canceled)

2.   (Canceled)

3.   (Canceled)

4.   (Original)

5.   (Canceled)

6.   (Canceled)

7.   (Canceled)

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13.   (Canceled)

14.   (Canceled)

15.   (Currently Amended) A method for identifying members of a group, comprising the steps of:

determining dynamic members of a first group based on a rule that defines dynamic membership for said first group, wherein said rule is stored in a dynamic rule attribute of an identity profile of said first group;

storing an identification of each of said dynamic members of said first group;

receiving a request to report members of said first group, said request is received subsequent to said step of storing; and

reporting said dynamic members of said first group in response to said request, said reporting of said dynamic members is performed based on said stored identification of said dynamic members.

16.   (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 15, wherein:
said first group includes one or more static members;
an identification of each of said static members is stored in a static member attribute for an said identity profile of said first group; and
said identification of each of said dynamic members is stored in said static member attribute for said identity profile of said first group.

17.   (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 15, wherein:
said first group includes one or more static members;
an identification of each of said static members is stored in a static member attribute for an said identity profile of said first group;
said identity profile of said first group also includes an expansion attribute; and

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said method can only be performed if said expansion attribute includes an appropriate value.

18.   (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 17, wherein:

~~said identity profile of said first group also includes a dynamic rule attribute which stores a rule that defines dynamic membership for said first group; and~~

said method can only be performed for an entity having access to said expansion attribute and said dynamic rule attribute.

19.   (Original) A method according to claim 15, wherein:

said steps of determining and storing are automatically repeated.

20.   (Original) A method according to claim 15, wherein:

said steps of determining, storing and receiving are performed by an integrated identity and access system.

21.   (Original) A method according to claim 20, wherein:

said integrated identity and access system is capable of performing authorization services based on membership in said first group.

22.   (Original) A method according to claim 15, further comprising the steps of:

determining nested members of said first group; and

storing an identification of each of said nested members of said first group, said step of reporting includes reporting said nested members based on said stored identification of said nested members.

23.   (Original) A method according to claim 22, wherein:

said nested members include members of multiple levels of nested groups.

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24.   (Original) A method according to claim 22, wherein:

said step of determining nested members includes recursively determining

members of group members.

25.   (Original) A method according to claim 22, wherein:

said first group includes one or more static members; and

said step of reporting includes reporting said static members.

26.   (Currently Amended) A method according to claim ~~15~~ 22, wherein said

step of determining nested members includes the steps of:

determining all static group members of said first group;

determining all static and dynamic members of said static group members of said

first group;

determining all static group members of said static group members of said first

group; and

determining all members of said static group members of said static group

members of said first group.

27.   (Currently Amended) A method according to claim ~~15~~ 22 wherein:

said first group and nested groups of said first group include rules defining criteria

for being dynamic members; and

said step of determining dynamic members includes the steps of determining a

normalized set of said rules and determining which users are defined by said normalized set of

said rules, said users defined by said normalized set of said rules are said dynamic members of

said first group.

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28.   (Original) A method according to claim 15, wherein:

said first group includes one or more static members; and

said step of reporting includes reporting said static members.

29.   (Canceled)

30.   (Canceled)

31.   (Canceled)

32.   (Canceled)

33.   (Canceled)

34.   (Canceled)

35.   (Currently Amended) One or more processor readable storage devices having processor readable code embodied on said processor readable storage devices, said processor readable code for programming one or more processors to perform a method comprising the steps of:

determining dynamic members of a first group based on a rule that defines dynamic membership for said first group, wherein said rule is stored in a dynamic rule attribute of an identity profile of said first group;

storing an identification of each of said dynamic members of said first group; and

receiving a request to report members of said first group, said request is received subsequent to said step of storing; and

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reporting said dynamic members of said first group in response to said request,

said reporting of said dynamic members is performed based on said stored identification of said

dynamic members.

36.   (Original) One or more processor readable storage devices according to claim 35, wherein:

said first group includes one or more static members; and

said step of reporting includes reporting said static members.

37.   (Original) One or more processor readable storage devices according to claim 36, wherein:

said steps of determining and storing are automatically repeated.

38.   (Original) One or more processor readable storage devices according to claim 36, wherein:

said steps of determining, storing and receiving are performed by an integrated identity and access system.

39.   (Original) One or more processor readable storage devices according to claim 36, wherein said method further comprises the steps of:

determining nested members of said first group, said nested members include members of multiple levels of nested groups; and

storing an identification of each of said nested members of said first group, said step of reporting includes reporting said nested members based on said stored identification of said nested members.

40.   (Canceled)

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41.   (Canceled)

42.   (Canceled)

43.   (Canceled)

44.   (Currently Amended) An apparatus that can determine members of a group, comprising:

a communication interface; and

one or more ~~processor~~ processors in communication with said communication interface, said one or more ~~processor~~ processors perform a method comprising the steps of:

determining dynamic members of a first group based on a rule that defines dynamic membership for said first group, wherein said rule is stored in a dynamic rule attribute of an identity profile of said first group and said first group includes one or more static members,

storing an identification of each of said dynamic members of said first group, ~~and~~

receiving a request to report members of said first group, said request is received subsequent to said step of storing, and

reporting said static members and said dynamic members of said first group in response to said request, said reporting of said dynamic members is performed based on said stored identification of said dynamic members.

45.   (Original) An apparatus according to claim 44, wherein:

said steps of determining and storing are automatically repeated.

46.   (Original) An apparatus according to claim 44, wherein:

said steps of determining, storing and receiving are performed by an integrated identity and access system.

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47.   (Original) An apparatus according to claim 44, wherein said method further comprises the steps of:

determining nested members of said first group, said nested members include members of multiple levels of nested groups; and

storing an identification of each of said nested members of said first group, said step of reporting includes reporting said nested members based on said stored identification of said nested members.